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SUBJECT: TURKISH PROPOSALS

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1. WE AGREE THAT YOUR ATERNATIVE (C) IN REFTEL WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER BASIS FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE THAN THE OTHER TWO POSSIBILITIES YOU SKETCH OUT. HOWEVER, ALTERNATIVE (C) AS WELL AS ALTERNATIVE (B) HAS A SERIOUS NEGATIVE ASPECT IN TERMS OF TIMING. WE NOT ONLY NEED TO HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF WHAT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS CONSIST OF IN A SUBSTANTIVE SENSE.IT IS VITAL TO GET THAT UNDERSTANDING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO

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BE IN A POSITION TO GET A DECISION IN SUFFICIENT TIME BEFORE THE HEARING NOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4. IF WE CANNOT ANTICIPATE EITHER A FULL BRIEFING BY THE TURKS OR PRESENTATION TO WALDHEIM OF THE PROPOSALS DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 13, OR EARLY THE FOLLOWING WEEK, WE WILL BE FACED WITH A DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE TASK PREPARING A CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION FOR EARLY APRIL.

2. PLEASE DISCUSS THE FOREGOING WITH ELEKDAG IN AN EFFORT

TO HOLD THE TURKS TO A MID-MARCH DISCLOSURE OF AT LEAST
THE OUTLINES OF THEIR CYPRUS PROPOSALS.

3. ON A SEPARATE ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM, WE ARE INCREAS-
INGLY CONCERNED THAT UNDER EVEN OPTIMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, IT
IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY, GIVEN HILL SCHEDULING CONSIDERATIONS,
THAT FULL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION RELATING TO TURKEY CAN BE
COMPLETED BY THE NATO SUMMIT AT THE END OF MAY. WE DO NOT
SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS THIS WITH THE TURKS AT THIS STAGE,
BUT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PROBABLY IN EARLY APRIL WE
MAY HAVE TO EXPLAIN WHY THE CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR WIL
MAKE CONCLUSIVE ACTION IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL SOME TIME IN JUNE
OR JULY. HOPEFULLY, WE CAN COUPLE SUCH AN EXPLANATION
WITH POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN TERMS OF ADMINISTRATION
STATEMENTS, SUBCOMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ACTION, ETC.

4. FYI: IT IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN THAT THE SECRETARY WILL
TESTIFY BEFORE HAMILTON SUBCOMMITTEE APRIL 4. WE MAY
DECIDE IT BEST TO HOLD HIM BACK FOR LATER AND IN ANY EVENT,
HE IS NOT SCHEDULED RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL APRIL 3
FROM PRESIDENT'S LATIN AMERICA/AFRICA TRIP. VANCE

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